

**PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COLLECTION OF
COURT COSTS, FEES, AND FINES IMPOSED IN CRIMINAL
CASES**

CHAPTER 364

H.B. No. 3167

AN ACT

relating to the program for improvement of collection of court costs, fees, and fines imposed in criminal cases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 103.0033(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This article applies only to:

~~[(1)] a county or [with a population of 50,000 or greater; and~~

~~[(2)] a] municipality with a population of 100,000 or greater.~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective June 1, 2017.

**ELIGIBILITY OF LAND TO CONTINUE TO BE APPRAISED
FOR AD VALOREM TAX PURPOSES AS QUALIFIED OPEN-
SPACE LAND IF THE LAND BEGINS TO BE USED FOR OIL
AND GAS OPERATIONS**

CHAPTER 365

H.B. No. 3198

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of land to continue to be appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land if the land begins to be used for oil and gas operations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 23, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 23.524 to read as follows:

Sec. 23.524. OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS ON LAND. The eligibility of land for appraisal under this subchapter does not end because a lessee under an oil and gas lease begins conducting oil and gas operations over which the Railroad Commission of Texas has jurisdiction on the land if the portion of the land on which oil and gas operations are not being conducted otherwise continues to qualify for appraisal under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not affect an additional tax imposed as a result of a change of use of land appraised under Subchapter D, Chapter 23, Tax Code, that occurred before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the

House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3198 on May 24, 2017: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2017: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION CONTRACTS WITH
CERTAIN ENTITIES TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

CHAPTER 366

H.B. No. 3218

AN ACT

relating to health maintenance organization contracts with certain entities to provide health care services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 843.101, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) A health maintenance organization may provide or arrange for health care services only through:

(1) other health maintenance organizations;

(2) providers or groups of providers who are:

(A) under contract with or are employed by the health maintenance organization;
or

(B) under contract with an entity that is under contract with the health maintenance organization to provide a network of providers to provide health care services only if the contract between the entity and the health maintenance organization:

(i) does not limit the health maintenance organization's authority or responsibility, including financial responsibility, to comply with any regulatory requirement that applies to a function performed by the entity;

(ii) requires the entity to comply with all regulatory requirements that apply to a function performed by the entity; and

(iii) expressly sets forth the requirements of Subparagraphs (i) and (ii); or

(3) additional health maintenance organizations or physicians or providers who have contracted for health care services with:

(A) the other health maintenance organizations;

(B) physicians with whom the health maintenance organization has contracted;
or

(C) providers who are under contract with or are employed by the health maintenance organization.

(b-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2) and notwithstanding any other law, an entity described by Subsection (b)(2)(B) and the health maintenance organization with which the entity contracts are subject to Chapter 1272 as if the entity were a delegated entity unless the entity:

(1) is a delegated network or delegated third party as defined by Section 1272.001; or

(2) is not a delegated entity as provided by Section 1272.001(a)(1)(A) or (B).

(b-2) An entity subject to Chapter 1272 under Subsection (b-1) that does not assume risk and the health maintenance organization with which the entity contracts are not subject to the following provisions: